

**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, September 3,  
1802, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Reynolds collector of York is held and Wm. Carey of that place is recommended very strongly by Mr. Shields. tho' I have great confidence in Mr. Shields' recommendation, yet as the best men sometimes see characters thro' the false medium of friendship I pray you to make what enquiry you can in Richmond & communicate it to me. Accept assurances of my constant & affectionate esteem & respect. Th. Jefferson

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